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De Gaulle Sees GDR as Obstacle to Detente

A French diplomat in Berlin has said that De Gaulle, who at one time had toyed with the idea of intensifying relations with East Germany, has changed his opinion of the GDR and now views it as the main obstacle to East-West detente in Europe. De Gaulle reportedly is particularly displeased with the unyielding East German line toward initiatives from West Germany.

As indications of this shift in the French position, the diplomat cites the recent removal by French police of a large name plate from the GDR trade office in Paris and the absence of French trade ministry officials from GDR sponsored social functions.

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COMMENT: While the French leader has maintained a policy of non-recognition of the GDR, he has also advocated that the German problem must be settled by Germans themselves.

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Rumania and Portugal Negotiate Trade Agreement

The government-to-government agreement, Portugal's first with a Communist country, is being kept secret pending formal Rumanian ratification,

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[redacted] conclusion  
of the agreement will be announced early in 1968.

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Negotiations started about two months ago and were  
held in Bucharest.

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COMMENT: Rumania has increasingly turned toward  
the West in its quest for greater economic and political  
autonomy of the USSR. Moreover, neither Rumania nor  
Portugal believe that politics should interfere with  
trade.

Last January, Rumania signed a commercial and  
consular agreement with Portugal's neighbor, Spain.  
Diplomatic ties between Bucharest and Lisbon may not  
be far away.

#### Czechoslovak News Agency Correspondent Expelled from Peking

Correspondent Miloslav Strouhal, whose articles on  
the cultural revolution were transmitted to the Czech-  
oslovak News Agency and subsequently printed in the  
party daily Rude Pravo, left Peking on 30 December  
after the Chinese Foreign ministry refused to extend  
his accreditation. A Chinese press officer accused  
Strouhal of "sharp and poisonous" attacks against  
Chinese policy.

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COMMENT: The Czechoslovak press has published some  
very bitter reports on the Chinese situation during the  
past year, with sharp personal attacks against Mao, and  
characterizing the cultural revolution, among other  
things, as a "fairy tale."

#### Yugoslav Party Specialists Consult with Hungarian Counterparts

Two leading Yugoslav party specialists on interparty  
relations talked with their Hungarian counterparts in  
Budapest during 21-23 December. Next February's con-  
sultative meeting of Communist parties in Budapest undoubtedly

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was the main discussion topic of Nijaz Dizdarevic, a member of the Yugoslav party's Executive Committee, and Zvonko Grahek, counsellor of the central committee's department of international relations. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: Recent articles in the Yugoslav press clearly evidence Belgrade's continuing opposition to the Budapest meeting. Dizdarevic carried to Prague last April Yugoslavia's refusal to attend the Karlovy Vary conference. [REDACTED]

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#### Hungarians to Increase Emphasis on Martial Sports

Lt. General Gyula Uszta, secretary general of the Hungarian National Defense Association and deputy defense minister reported at a 19 December press conference that all elements of the National Defense Sports Association would soon be fully merged into the newly organized (Sept. 67) National Defense Association. Uszta said "we want to get more young people to engage in and improve their knowledge of technical sports with a bearing on national defense." Uszta mentioned flying, parachuting, model constructing, amateur radio, driving, rifle shooting and skin diving as sports of particular interest. Uszta also said that European and world contests would stimulate interest in national defense competition. [REDACTED]

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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 1968

Undated	Czechoslovakia	:	Ecuador to open Consulate General in Prague and possibly Warsaw. [ ]	25X1 25X1
	Hungary	:	Kadar to visit Rumania. [ ]	
	Bulgaria	:	Premier Zhivkov to Cuba late January or early February. [ ]	25X1
3	Czechoslovakia	:	Czechoslovak Party Plenum to resume. [ ]	25X1
7	Yugoslavia	:	Tito begins trip to Afganistan, Pakistan, India, Cambodia, and Ethiopia. [ ]	25X1
10	Bulgaria	:	11th Bulgarian Komsomol Congress to open. [ ]	25X1
17	Rumania	:	Premier Mauer and Foreign Minister Manescu to Italy. [ ]	25X1
22	Czechoslovakia	:	Czech-US civil air negotiations resume in Washington. [ ]	25X1